

RISEN.

WHAT THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAS SECURED

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True Freedom Through our Union with Christ Romans 6

Biblical (True) Freedom - Living *unhindered* from that which keeps you from doing what you were *designed to do*.

We have been immersed into Christ's death so that we can be raised to walk in a new way of living. (vv. 3-4)

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Our unification with Christ's death & resurrection secures and reflects our new lives – *dead to sin, alive to God!* (vv. 5-11)

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Effects that the resurrection has in our lives:

Verse 5	Verses 6-7	Verses 8-10	Verse 11
We are united with Christ in death and in life.	We have been set free from sin through our shared death.	This has been done so that we can now live a new life to God.	We must actively consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God!

Unified with Christ and *alive* to God, we can actively walk in freedom. (vv. 12-14)

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. **14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

A life of freedom is the result of our sanctification and eternal life in Jesus. (vv. 17-23)

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **19** I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A life of freedom comes from...

1. ...trusting from the heart in God's word and plan for our lives. (v. 17)
2. ...actively presenting ourselves as slaves to righteousness. (v. 18-20)
3. ...the fruit that comes from being slaves to God - **sanctification & eternal life!** (v. 22)

Reflection & Discussion

1. Spend 5 minutes daily "becoming obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching" to which you were committed. Follow the process outlined in 2 Cor. 3:17-18.
2. Evaluate which master you are presenting your members to (eyes, ears, speech, mind, body). Are you working towards the fruit of death or the fruit of life?

SONGS

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

"YOU AND YOU ALONE"

"TO THE ONE"

"RESURRECTING"

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BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 34,964.55

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,985.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 346,511.07

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 443,820.00

ALTAMONT CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND:

(Last Entry - 3/15) \$ 58,067.10

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